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SUMMARY: THE SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN OF DECEMBER 5 REPORTED A RADIO MOGADISCIO COMMENTARY PRAISING PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER. THE COMMENTARY CONTRASTED THE "MISDEEDS" OF EARLIER UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATIONS WITH SEVERAL STATEMENTS BY CARTER WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE COMMENTARY, HOLD THE PROMISE OF AN IMPROVEMENT IN US/THIRD WORLD, INCLUDING US/SOMALI, RELATIONS. THE FULL TEXT OF THE COMMENTARY IS BEING POUCHED. END SUMMARY.

1. RADIO MOGADISCIO COMMENTED THAT WORLD PROBLEMS CAN BE TRACED, IN LARGE PART, TO "BIG POWER" RIVALRY. CAUGHT BETWEEN THE "CONFLICTING THINKING AND SYSTEMS" OF THE BIG POWERS, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES POSITION HAS BECOME "PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE". ONLY BIG POWER "UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION" WILL ENABLE THE LATTER TO GET ON WITH THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

2. THE "MISDEEDS" OF EARLIER UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE "MIDDLE EAST, INDOCHINA, KOREA, CHILE AND OTHERS" REPORTEDLY LINGER IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE THIRD WORLD IS "SUSPICIOUS" OF US ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION IN THE GUISE OF AID.

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3. HOWEVER, THE WORLD "EXPECTS A NEW TUNE IN AMERICAN POLICY AND, IN PARTICULAR, AMERICAN ACCOMODATION WITH THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES" AS A RESULT OF THE ELECTION OF MR. CARTER. RADIO MOGADISCIO CITED A CARTER MESSAGE (NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED) TO SOVIET LEADER LEONID BEEZHNEV, IN WHICH CARTER REPORTEDLY SAID HIS ADMINISTRATION "WILL RESPECT AND GIVE A TRUE TRANSLATION TO INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATION ON PEACE AND, IN PARTICULAR, ON BIG POWER COOPERATION IN MAINTAINING WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY". FROM THIS AND OTHER POLICY STATEMENTS MADE BY MR. CARTER, RADIO MOGADISCIO SAID IT APPEARS THAT THE US GOVERNMENT "IS BRACING ITSELF ON A NEW STAGE (READY TO TURN OVER A NEW LEAF - ED)".

4. THE WORLD REPORTEDLY WANTS US SUPPORT FOR "THE REDUCTION OF THE WORLD'S ARMS RACE ... RECOGNITION OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AND GRIEVANCES ... DEPARTURE FROM ITS CONFRONTATION (SIC) ANTAGONISTIC POLICY TOWARDS THE SMALLER NATIONS" IN PARTICULAR, THIS MEANS "WITHDRAWAL OF (US) UNLIMITED SUPPORT BEEFING UP AGGRESSIONS OF TEL AVIV AND PRETORIA," AS WELL AS SPEEDING UP THE FLOW OF CAPITAL AND KNOW-HOW TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. WITH RESPECT TO SOMALIA, RADIO MOGADISCIO ASKED WHY THE US FABRICATED RUMORS OF "A RUSSIAN MILITARY BASE" IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY THE EXPANSION OF ITS OWN BASE ON DIEGO GARCIA.

6. NONETHELESS, SOMALIA IS A "NON-ALIGNED NATION" WHICH "DOES NOT HARBOR ANY ENMITY FOR ANY PARTICULAR PEOPLE OR GOVERNMENT". THE GSDR "WELCOMES ANY RELATIONS BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT AND BROTHERLY COOPERATION". ALSO, THE GSDR "CONGRATULATES ANY UNDERSTANDING...BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS", PRESUMABLY REFERRING TO THE CARTER/BREZHNEV CONTACTS.
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7. COMMENT: PRAISE OF MR. CARTER, WITH THE IMPLIED WILLINGNESS TO TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT US POLICIES IN THE FUTURE, IS THE MOST POSITIVE STATEMENT ON THE US TO APPEAR IN SOMALIA MEDIA IN MONTHS, IF NOT YEARS. COUPLED WITH OTHER SMALL SIGNS OF A MORE FORTHCOMING GSDR ATTITUDE, THE COMMENTARY STRENGTHENS
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AN EMBASSY BELIEF THAT THE TIME MAY BE RIGHT TO ATTEMPT TO REVIVE THE US/GSDR DIALOGUE. HOWEVER, IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT THE COMMENTARY, FOR EXAMPLE, DID NOT YIELD AN INCH ON PAST US MOTIVES AND POLICIES AROUND THE WORLD AND ASSUMED THAT THE US WAS THE MAIN, INDEED, THE ONLY, SOURCE OF THE WORLD'S TROUBLES. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE GSDR'S HEAVY PRO-SOVIET ORIENTATION. THIS, THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE GSDR WILL APPROACH ANY DIALOGUE WITH SOVIET INTERESTS,

AS WELL AS ITS OWN, TO ACCOMODATE, AND IN A VERY HARD-NOSED
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